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In re:	Patent Application of Andrea Heilemann, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1623 : : :
Appln. No.:	10/030,974	: Examiner: Ganapathy Krishnan : :
Filed:	May 13, 2002	: Confirmation No.: 4429 : :
For:	PROCESSES FOR PREPARING CROSS- LINKER-FREE, BIOPOLYMER- CONTAINING THREE DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES, AND PRODUCTS PREPARED THEREBY	: Attorney Docket : No.: H 4172 PCT/US : : :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 (Paper No. 7), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including November 20, 2003, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection, in light of the following remarks.